

What is the Graduate Certificate?

The Graduate Certificate in Developmental Disabilities is a way to receive formal academic credit for a series of courses around developmental disabilities. Human services are interdisciplinary in nature. Therefore, the professional working in the field of developmental disabilities can benefit from an interdisciplinary approach to services, supports, and leadership.

Course Work

HDI600 – Interdisciplinary Approaches to the needs of persons with developmental disabilities and special health care needs

HDI601 – Interdisciplinary Approaches to the needs of persons with developmental disabilities and special health care needs: Practicum

HDI602 – Interdisciplinary Supports

HDI603 – Practicum

HDI604 – Interdisciplinary Leadership Seminar

HDI605 – Interdisciplinary Leadership Project

Elective

Who Should Participate?

If you are working in human services or have plans to, this Certificate is for you. Students come with a wide variety of academic backgrounds, including education, law, rehabilitation sciences, psychology, social work, public health, among others.

Students will acquire a basic foundation in a number of specific, topical areas such as specialized healthcare services and financing, inclusive education, behavioral supports, employment options, advocacy, legislation, assistive technology, community living, aging with a disability, organizational development and theory, group facilitation, and research proposal development.

Admissions Process

Application is simple. Students who have a bachelor's degree are eligible to apply for admission to the Certificate. If you are not currently enrolled at the University of Kentucky, you must apply to the Graduate School as well as to the Certificate.

Faculty

Dr. Kathy Sheppard-Jones, Ph.D.

Christina Espinosa, MRC, CRC

In addition, the Certificate offers a wide variety of experts from various disciplines including, Social Work, Augmentative Communication, Speech Therapy, Child Development, Assistive Technology, Protection and Advocacy, Psychology, Law, and Early Childhood Interventions.

Additional Information

For additional information or to apply, contact:

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comments from our graduates

We have received tremendous feedback from the students who have participated in the Graduate Certificate program. Each participant is eager to incorporate the knowledge learned into their everyday lives.



“I think all of these classes have been very valuable. I especially enjoyed the presentations by the ‘real-life’ speakers who work in the field.”



“This certificate is GREAT! I would promote it to everyone working with people with developmental disabilities.”



“The exposure to so many aspects of working with people with disabilities is priceless. And in addition to the expansive topics covered, it was also beneficial to have fellow students bring different perspectives and experiences from a range of fields of study.”

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